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### **Hugh Pechey MIEAust CPEng**

Hugh Pechey, a retired civil engineer, spent his working life in the Commonwealth Department of Works and its successors, largely associated with airfield construction.

Hugh joined the Institution of Engineers in 1946, at the Grade of Member and his post-nominals presently are MIE Aust, CP Eng. He joined the Queensland Panel of Engineering Heritage Australia early in the 1990s. He authored a detailed paper on the history of the Commonwealth Department of Works and later presented it to a QLD Panel Technical Evening. Over many years Hugh has been a regular participant, with other EHA (Queensland) Panel members, in conducting and guiding group tours during Engineering Week around the Engineering Heritage sites in Inner Brisbane, covered in the Publication *Engineering Heritage of Inner Brisbane, A Walk/Drive Tour*.

In 1996, Hugh accepted the position of Minute Secretary of the Panel, a position he continued to hold until the end of 2008, when the ill-health of his wife necessitated his retirement from the Panel to become her full time carer.

Over that 13-year period, Hugh kept in long-hand the most detailed Minutes of the eleven monthly Panel Meetings and the Annual General Meeting for each and every year. These valuable documents now hold a deserved place in the Queensland Division Archives.

Hugh continues to attend Panel Technical Evenings and other Engineering Heritage events when it is possible for him to arrange alternative caring arrangements for his wife.

Hugh's long years of service to Engineering Heritage in Queensland, both during his working life and in his many years on the Queensland Engineering Heritage Panel, has made a notable contribution to Engineering Heritage in Queensland and makes him a worthy recipient of the Award of Merit.

